Chief Meeks Retires

Police Chief Henry K. Meeks announced his retirement from the Surfside Beach Police Department as of November 30, 1988. Chief Meeks has served the Town of Surfside Beach for the past 14 years, starting in June 1974 as a part-time patrol and becoming Police Chief in June of 1976.

The Town has seen a lot of changes in the past 14 years both to Town Hall and to the Police Department. What was only a 4 member police force is now 14, including the Communication/Dispatchers. As a part of the dedicated work force, Chief Meeks has strived to make his department one to be proud of and he has attained that goal.

Due to health problems, Chief Meeks has reluctantly sought retirement. Chief Meeks will be sadly missed by the Town of Surfside Beach, but we wish him and his wife, Barbara, a prosperous and happy retirement.

Nostalgia Pictures of Town Wanted

The Town will be celebrating its 25th year of incorporation in March. In order to promote the Town of Surfside Beach, pictures of the Town as it was in years past are needed. If you have any pictures showing the past, please bring them to the Clerk’s office. These will be reproduced by Jack Thompson, a local professional photographer, and the original picture(s) will be returned to you. Although the Town was incorporated on March 14, 1964, the celebration will take place in April. At the present time, a street party with the theme of “1964” is in the planning stages. The Town hopes to accumulate a large portion of the Town’s past history from the pictures, and produce an historical brochure of the Town.

Putting together this celebration is the 25th Anniversary Committee made up of Councilman Benton, Mil Servant, John Stanford, Ernie Lareau, Calvin Gilmore, Dudley Wells, Faye Creel, Pat DiGiovanni, Christine Travis, and Bob Lang. Each of the members of this committee is working on separate portions of the celebration. Special plans are being made to host a VIP party for past council members and mayors. The main events will take place on April 8, 1989, from noon until 4:00 p.m. Plans are being made to have a cake decorating contest, art contest, and antique car show. Program of events will be available at a later date. For more information, please call Christine Travis, Town Clerk, at 238-5432.

Ocean Boulevard Walkway

For several years the Town and the Accommodations Tax Committee have been working on a pedestrian walkway along Ocean Boulevard and throughout the Town to enable our residents and visitors to enjoy the scenery of our Town at a leisurely walk, and to be able to walk in safety without fear of vehicular traffic. Through the Accommodations Tax Fund, this dream will become a reality. The surveying has been completed, and by mid-February the final design of the walkway will be completed. The groundbreaking ceremony will take place during the week of the 25th Anniversary Celebration.

ISO Fire Rating Drops to Class “4”

In October, Surfside Beach’s Fire Dept. was evaluated by the Insurance Services Office. As a result of this evaluation, the Town’s fire rating improved from Class 6 to Class 4. This will be effective Feb. 1, 1989. This rating improvement could mean substantial savings on your homeowner’s insurance premiums, if your company subscribes to ISO services. To determine what effect this will have on you, contact your insurance agent immediately.
From The Mayor’s Desk

Dear Residents,

In order to further enhance Town service, Town Council has been hard at work with North Myrtle Beach, Conway, Little River Water Authority, Myrtle Beach, and the Grand Strand Water & Sewer Authority (GSWSA) on the regional water supply issue. Most of these entities are under a state mandate to improve water quality while Surfside Beach is expected to face the same mandate.

Regional cooperative plans have been offered by both the GSWSA and the City of Myrtle Beach, with many long, hard hours put in by the Council and staff in deliberations. The GSWSA regional plan was not approved by a majority of the jurisdictions in December, throwing this approach into jeopardy. However, the Council and I continue to work with both the GSWSA and Myrtle Beach in order to obtain the best, most economical supply of high quality drinking water.

The Environmental Protection Agency and State Department of Health are expected to tighten their rules regulating water supply in the near future. The new regulations will force all water suppliers, including Surfside Beach, to provide further treatment at its groundwater wells, or join a surface water treatment system. Either choice will have a significant impact on water rates, with projected increases in water charges of approximately 100%. Be assured, however, that the Council and I will continue to prudently examine all alternatives to comply with pending State and Federal requirements, and keep you, our customers, informed of the situation. If you would like to discuss this matter, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Dick M. Johnson
Mayor

Recreation Department Newsletter

The Halloween Spook House held in October at the Fire Department was very successful. There were more “spook houses” this year than in the past. The Recreation Department would like to say again Thank You to all those volunteers who gave of their time to make this event so special.

The Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony was very successful. This is a night for everyone to get together to light the Christmas tree on the front lawn of Town Hall, to sing Christmas carols, and to have fellowship and refreshments afterwards.

The Hot Line to Santa this year had over eighty (80) calls. This is a program where children called a certain telephone number and talked to “Santa”. He would listen to the children give their wish list. A most enjoyable two hours.

The Surfside Beach Annual Parade, sponsored by the Surfside Beach Merchant’s Assn., took place on Dec. 10, 1988. The local area high schools participated in the band competition, which was won by Socastee High, followed by Georgetown High and Myrtle Beach High. All of the bands played extremely well. After the parade the “Visit With Santa” was held in the front office of Town Hall. Children came in and talked to Santa about their wishes.

50’s Plus Group:
This group still meets every Monday morning at 3rd Ave. South in Surfside Beach at 8:00 am for a beach walk (approx. 2.5 miles). Afterwards, they have breakfast and a short meeting. A total of eighty-four (84) people attended their 1st Annual Christmas Pot Luck Party held at Danfields. Anyone interested in finding out more about this group please call 650-4131.

New Classes:
Arts and Craft classes will be held at 7:00 pm on Jan. 25th. Beginning Photography will be held on Jan. 26th and Feb. 2nd at 7:00 pm. These are just a few new classes the Recreation Department is conducting. Please check the local newspapers and listen to your favorite radio station or call the Recreation Department at 650-4131 for more information on future classes.

Youth Sports:
The 1988-89 basketball season is underway. This program is for boys ages 11-14 years. Games will be played at Socastee Middle School beginning in Jan. There are eight teams in all.

Registration for Baseball and Girls Softball will begin March 6, 1989.
The Recreation Department will be sponsoring a baseball clinic on March 18th, which will be conducted by the Myrtle Beach Blue Jays and Coastal Carolina baseball teams. This clinic will be for youths 14 years and under.

Merchandise:
The Recreation Department has the following items with the Town logo for sale: ball caps, T-shirts, sport shirts, license plates, key chains and Coolies (soft drink holders). Please stop by the Recreation Department and do a little shopping.

Fuller Park Note:
The restrooms and water fountains have been closed for the winter to prevent damage from freezing weather. They will be reopened early April.

Up-coming Events:
Canadian-American Days Festival will be from March 17th - March 26th. Many events are planned for this festival.
The Rec. Dept. will sponsor its annual Easter Egg Hunt on Sun., March 26th at 2:00 pm — Fuller Park.

House Numbers & 911 Update
In the not too distant future, the 911 emergency number system will be implemented in the Town of Surfside Beach and other parts of the Grand Strand. Through this number you can request assistance in case of fire, illness, intruders, and other types of emergencies. There will be more on this 911 subject at a later date. This article is to encourage you to get house numbers on your house or business now so they are visible from the street or highway. You should already have them on since the Fire Department, Rescue and other emergency organizations rely on house numbers to locate you when you have an emergency. The Town Code requires that you have house numbers, so let’s all cooperate and get them installed now so that the 911 system will work more efficiently.
Легислативное обновление

В течение последних трех месяцев следующие городские уставы были приняты:

88-0264  Устав, включающий 11,9 акров в город. Сурфсайд Бич. Эта территория расположена на южной стороне шоссе 17, прямо напротив 10th Ave. South.

88-0265  Устав, включающий статью 10, раздел 1007 — Разрешены ли сигналы в коммерческих районах. Устав принят в марте 1988 года. — Устав№ 3 к Уставу о зонировании.

88-2066  Устав, пересматривая часть территории от R-1 до Р-1, расположенной на южной стороне шоссе 17 South, прямо напротив 10th Ave. South. Устав № 4 к 1988 Уставу о зонировании.

88-0267  Устав, включающий статью 1X, раздел 904 — Исключение высотных ограничений. Устав № 5 к 1988 Уставу о зонировании.

Также были приняты несколько решений городского совета в 1988 году, которые влияли на проживание в городе. Это было так:

21 июня 1988 года — Решение, запрещающее курение в здании городского совета и на водоподготовительной станции.

5 июля 1988 года — Решение, ограничивавшее скорость на местных дорогах в городе до 25 км/ч.

6 декабря 1988 года — Решение, запрещающее стоянку вдоль шоссе 17 Bus. и Фронтейт Роад внутри городских границ.

Код уставов

Городская книга уставов Сурфсайд Бич может быть приобретена за 45,00 долларов за экземпляр или 25,00 долларов за полную серию с дополнительной рассылкой для дополнительных материалов. Для получения дополнительной информации обращайтесь в комитет по вопросам городского совета по телефону 238-5432.

Улица Сурфсайд Бич идет вдоль главной дороги, часть которой была перешлена в сентябре 1988 года. На плане города, датированным с 1977 года, указано, что строительство шоссе Сурфсайд было выполнено вследствие активности мэра и совета, с участием городской и федеральной финансовой поддержки.

Мэр провел много времени, чтобы убедиться, что весной 1988 года начинались работы по прокладке дорог. В результате этого был определен список приоритетов. Существующие дороги следует поддерживать, а новые постройки — строить.

Как результат, городской совет и мэр выделили средства на развитие города. Строительство дорог, которые были созданы, включали в себя четыре основные автомагистрали. Строительство прошло успешно, и в результате город стал более удобным для жителей.

Важно помнить, что это только начало. Впереди еще много работ. Мы благодарны за ваше понимание и участие в этой работе.

Мы ждем ваших отзывов на эту тему.

Очистка городских мусорных контейнеров

Городская управляющая команда будет регулярно выводить мусорные контейнеры с территории городского совета. Это позволит поддерживать чистоту и порядок в городе. Мы с нетерпением ждем вашей поддержки в этом деле.

Если вы еще не изменили свой мусорный контейнер, просим Вас обратиться к Совету по вопросам городского совета по телефону 238-5531 с 8:30 до 5:00, понедельник — пятница.

Проект расчистки

Городской консультант по вопросам водоподготовки, LPA Group, Inc., продолжает работу над проектом расчистки. В этот проект входит разработка новых проектов, которые помогут улучшить качественные характеристики воды. Ведется интенсивная работа по прокладке новых труб и установке новых оборудования. Всё это делается с целью улучшить качество воды и обеспечить более качественное обслуживание для жителей города.

Мы благодарим всех участников этого проекта, которые вместе с нами работают над улучшением качества воды.

Феодальная служба вновь организует празднование Xmas Drive

Феодальная служба вновь организует празднование Xmas Drive. В этом году праздник будет праздноваться в два этапа. Первый этап — это вручение подарков детям, а второй этап — вручение подарков взрослым. Все участники праздника будут благодарить всех, кто принимает участие в этом мероприятии.

Спасибо вам всем за ваше участие!

Комитет по чистоте города

Этот конкурс проводится для награждения коммерческих организаций, которые наиболее улучшают внешний вид города. В этом году ими являются:

- Deerfield Plantation
- Anchor Bank/William Thomas
- Peoples Federal Savings & Loan
- Surfside Realty Co., Inc.
- Danfield’s Restaurant
- Showbiz Pizza
- South Carolina National
- Kentucky Fried Chicken
- Good Times Restaurant

Примечание: Внимание! Контактный телефон для регистрации: 238-5432. Все участники должны иметь лицензию на работу. Для получения информации и помощи по вопросам лицензии следует обращаться по телефону 238-5531.
News Around Town Hall!!

New Employees:
The Town has three new employees: Tony Grice joins the Town as the Streets/Drainage Supervisor; Rodney Herron joins the Town’s force as a laborer in the Streets/Drainage Division, and Joel Hoover is a welcome addition to the Recreation Department as a Recreation Aide. Welcome Aboard!

A big welcome back to Kim Hughes who suffered a bad fall in August and severely injured his knee. With the retirement of Police Chief Meeks, Sgt. Hughes is the senior command level officer in the department.

Safety Awards
The Sanitation Division of the Town of Surfside Beach participated in the “Safety and Service 500” program along with the City of Georgetown and the City of North Myrtle Beach. The Town’s Sanitation Division won three awards, the Commercial Vehicle Appearance Award, Commercial Appearance Group and the Commercial Safety Award. The Town is definitely proud of its Sanitation Division.

Employees’ Day
December 13, 1988 was a special day for the Town employees. Every quarter, Town Hall has an employee’s day where the employees of the Town gather together in fellowship and Town sponsored activities. This past quarter was a special treat to the employees, as the Mayor and Mrs. Johnson prepared lunch for the employees as a Christmas gift. Mayor Johnson stated that he just wanted to show his appreciation to all of the employees for the hard and dedicated work that is put into the Town by them. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to the Mayor and Mrs. Johnson for the wonderful luncheon!!!

Wedding Bells
Ron Peaks, the Town’s Public Works Director, made the announcement of his engagement to Donna Church, and the happy couple’s big day will be April 1, 1989. Congratulations and best wishes Ron and Donna, from all of the Town’s employees!

TOWN DIRECTORY

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS
Town Hall 238-2590 or 238-5432
Fire 238-2811
Police 238-2621
Rescue Squad 238-1216 or 238-36
Lakewood Elem. Sch. 293-2250
Socastee High Sch. 293-2513
Santee Cooper Power Co. 448-3070
Horry County Animal Control 347-3898

TOWN HALL MEETING SCHEDULES
The Town Council of the Town of Surfside Beach meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:30 pm.

The Planning and Zoning Commission meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 3:00 pm.

All meetings are held in the Town Council/Court Chambers located on the south end of Town Hall and are open to the public. We welcome all interested residents to attend.

Employee of the Quarter
Congratulations to Neil Johnson who was selected as Employee of the Quarter for the summer quarter (July, Aug. and Sept. 1988). Neil has been with the Town for 31/2 years and works in the Town’s Sanitation Department. Neil helped the Town win 2 of the 3 safety awards in the “Safety & Service 500” Program.